

## NAVY/ MARINE CORPS NEWS

STORY: CNO VISITS SAN DIEGO

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ANCHOR LEAD-IN:

THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, ADMIRAL VERN CLARK, UNDERSTANDS THAT POLICIES CONCEIVED IN THE PENTAGON HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON SAILORS IN THE FLEET.

2<sup>ND</sup> ANCHOR LEAD-IN:

FOR THAT REASON, THE C-N-O TAKES TIME FROM HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO TRAVEL THE FLEET, SEE HOW SAILORS ARE DOING, AND HOW HIS POLICIES ARE WORKING OUT. HIS MOST RECENT TRIP WAS TO SAN DIEGO AND PETTY OFFICER CHARLES FINKS OF OUR MAYBERRY BUREAU WAS THERE TO SEE IT.

NARRATION:

**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ADMIRAL VERN CLARK VISITED SAN DIEGO RECENTLY (*LAST WEEK?*). ONE OF HIS FIRST STOPS WAS ONBOARD U-S-S BELLEAU WOOD.**

ADM VERN CLARK  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
HT: SIOUX CITY, IOWA

“SO, FUNDAMENTALLY, I JUST WANTED TO COME OUT HERE AND LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND TELL YOU THANKYOU. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU’RE DOING... THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU’RE GETTING READY TO DO.”

NARRATION:

**AND WHAT THESE SAILORS ARE GETTING READY TO DO IS GET UNDERWAY AND DO THEIR PART IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM. ADMIRAL CLARK’S SPEECH SEEMED TO MOTIVATE THE CREW.**

AO3 JERRY DUNCAN  
USS BELLEAU WOOD  
HT: KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

“THE PARTS THAT I LIKED BEST WAS WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW IT’S OUR TURN AND WE ALWAYS HAVE

TO BE READY. Y'KNOW, BECAUSE...  
COMING INTO THE NAVY, I DIDN'T  
REALLY THINK THAT I WOULD HAVE  
TO GO OUT TO WAR... AND NOW I'M IN  
A SITUATION THAT I'M ACTUALLY  
SERVING MY COUNTRY AND MAKING  
MY FAMILY PROUD."

**NARRATION:**

**THE BELLEAU WOOD WASN'T THE  
ADMIRAL'S ONLY STOP OF THE DAY.  
HE ALSO HELPED UNVEIL THE  
NAVY'S NEWEST HELICOPTER, THE  
H-SIXTY-SIERRA, WHICH WILL TAKE  
THE PLACE OF THAT OLD  
WORKHORSE, THE H-46.**

ADM CLARK

"AND THESE HELICOPTERS IN THE  
FUTURE ARE GOING TO BE A BIG PART  
OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT  
AND A BIG PART OF WHAT IT TAKES TO  
FIGHT AND WIN IN THE FUTURE."

**HANDLING VERTREPS, TROOP  
TRANSPORT, AND MORE, THE NEW H-  
SIXTY SIERRAS WILL PROVIDE THE  
NAVY A FLEXIBLE AIR PLATFORM  
FOR YEARS TO COME.**

**NARRATION**

**WHILE IN SAN DIEGO, ADMIRAL  
CLARK ALSO WANTED TO LOOK IN  
ON ONE OF THE NAVY'S NEWEST  
TRAINING PROGRAMS. CALLED  
TASK FORCE EXCEL, IT'S AN  
EXPERIMENTAL TRAINING  
PROGRAM THAT TEACHES  
LEADERSHIP PRICIPLES WITH  
INTERACTIVE COMPUTER MOVIES --  
INSTEAD OF BOOKS AND LECTURES.**

CTI1(AW/NAC) MARC BALDWIN  
NAVAL LEADER TRAINING UNIT  
CORONADO  
HT: OELWEIN, IOWA

"YOU GO THROUGH SCENARIOS. A  
SCREEN WILL COME UP WHERE YOU  
HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION HOW  
YOU'RE GOING TO RESPOND TO THAT  
SITUATION. BASED ON HOW YOU  
RESPOND, THE STORY CONTINUES,  
EITHER KINDA DOWNHILL OR UPHILL.

IF YOU MAKE BAD CHOICES, YOU  
ULTIMATELY FAIL AT WHAT YOU'RE  
TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. IF YOU  
MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, YOU  
CONTINUE ON AND YOU ULTIMATELY  
ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WERE  
TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH."

**NARRATION**

**THE C-N-O'S VISIT TO SAN DIEGO  
WAS A BUSY ONE. HE MET A LOT OF  
PEOPLE, HEARD A LOT OF IDEAS,  
GAVE A LOT OF SPEECHES. BUT IN  
THE END, HIS MAIN MESSAGE WAS  
TO BE READY.**

**ADM CLARK**

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO OUT THERE  
AND WRITE SOME HISTORY. IT'S TIME  
FOR YOU TO GO OUT THERE... AND  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT'S TIME FOR  
YOU TO GO OUT THERE AND SHOW  
'EM... WHAT AMERICANS ARE ALL  
ABOUT."

**NARRATION**

**FROM SAN DIEGO, I'M PETTY  
OFFICER CHARLES FINKS.  
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**ANCHOR TAG**

WHILE IN SAN DIEGO, ADMIRAL CLARK  
REPEATEDLY MENTIONED THE  
IMPORTANCE OF MANNING. HE  
DESCRIBED THE NAVY AS BEING IN A  
BATTLE FOR PEOPLE AND STRESSED  
THE IMPORTANCE OF RETENTION.

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